



# San Joaquín River Parkway

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Workshop:  
Review of \$15 million O & M Funding  
Strategy

April 6, 2022

at the

Madera County  
Government Center



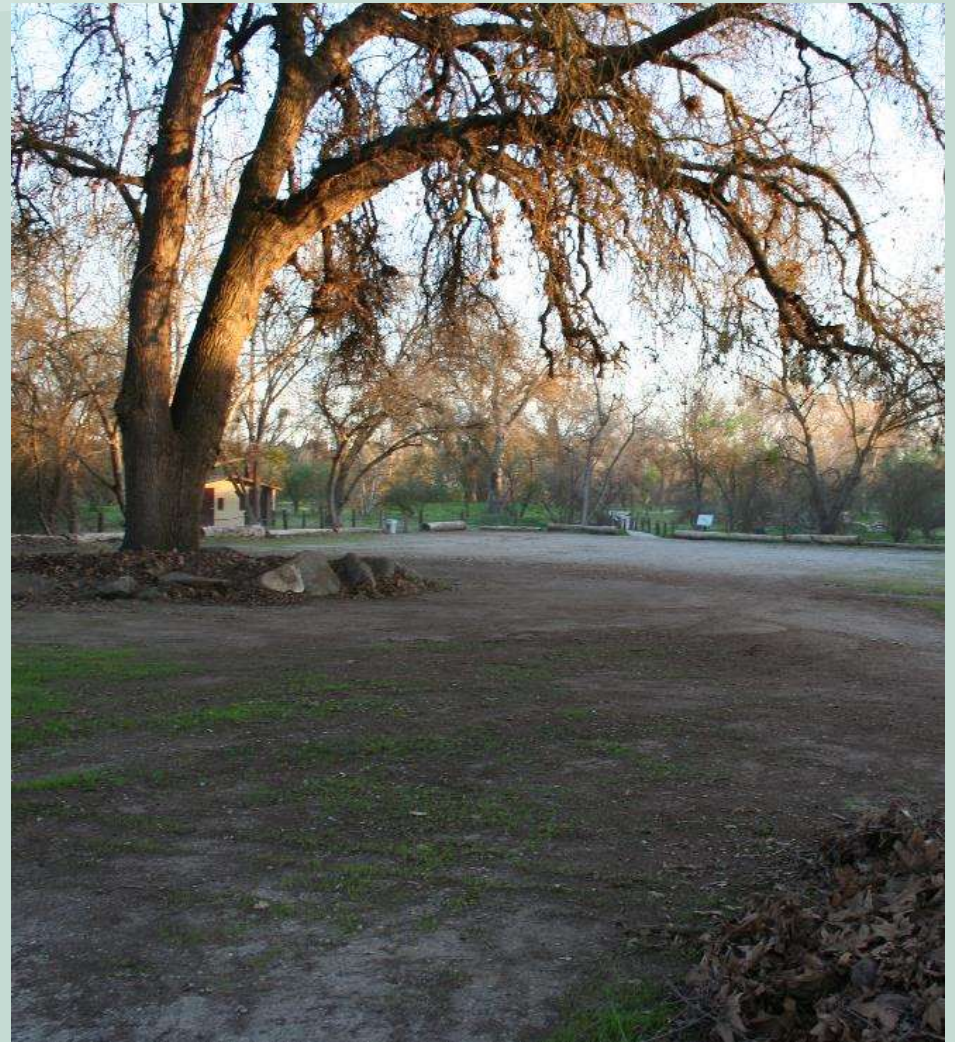
# *Welcome and “Meeting Administrative Issues”*

Public comments will be accepted per the agenda. For Participants connected electronically, you will be muted until called upon by the Chair.

# MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda and Meeting Packet are available at:

<http://sjrc.ca.gov/Board/>



*Wildwood Native Park*

# MEETING AGENDA

1. Review agenda for Public Workshop
2. Overview of Conservancy Properties
  - A. Properties currently open to the public
  - B. Properties that have yet to be opened to the public – property by property review and what needs to be accomplished to open
  - C. Overall strategy/timeline
3. Review of \$15 million O & M funding
  - A. Requirements, deadlines, and potential uses
  - B. Review of Conservancy's new projects list
  - C. Public safety/law enforcement and other services
  - D. Staffing
  - E. Timeline
4. Overview of the role of Joint Powers Authority
5. Public Comments/Questions

# *Public Comment Process*

We hope that the Public is afforded as fair and open meeting as practical.

- After each agenda topic's presentation by staff, the public will be afforded time to comment and/or questions related to that topic.
- The last part of the workshop is to take general comments and questions.

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# Roll Call

While a quorum of the Conservancy Board may be present at the workshops, the Board will not take formal action at the workshops



Monarch Butterflies (*Danaus plexippus* at Pismo State Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove )

## 2. Overview of Conservancy Properties

- ❑ The San Joaquin River Parkway refers to all the area along the River between Friant Dam and Highway 99
  - ❑ Including Conservancy, Fresno County, City of Fresno, and the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust's lands.
- ❑ The Conservancy owns 20 properties from the Wagner Property below Friant Dam to Camp Pashayan at Highway 99
- ❑ With the addition of the Operations and Maintenance Funding in this year's funding, we can now formally open lands that in the past were not.



## **Public Resources Code 32511:**

“The Conservancy shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of the parkway. The Conservancy shall close to the public any lands or facilities which it is unable to maintain in a clean and safe manner and to adequately protect the wildlife and rights of adjacent property owners from the public, including areas downstream from the Highway 99 crossing affected by the use of the parkway.”

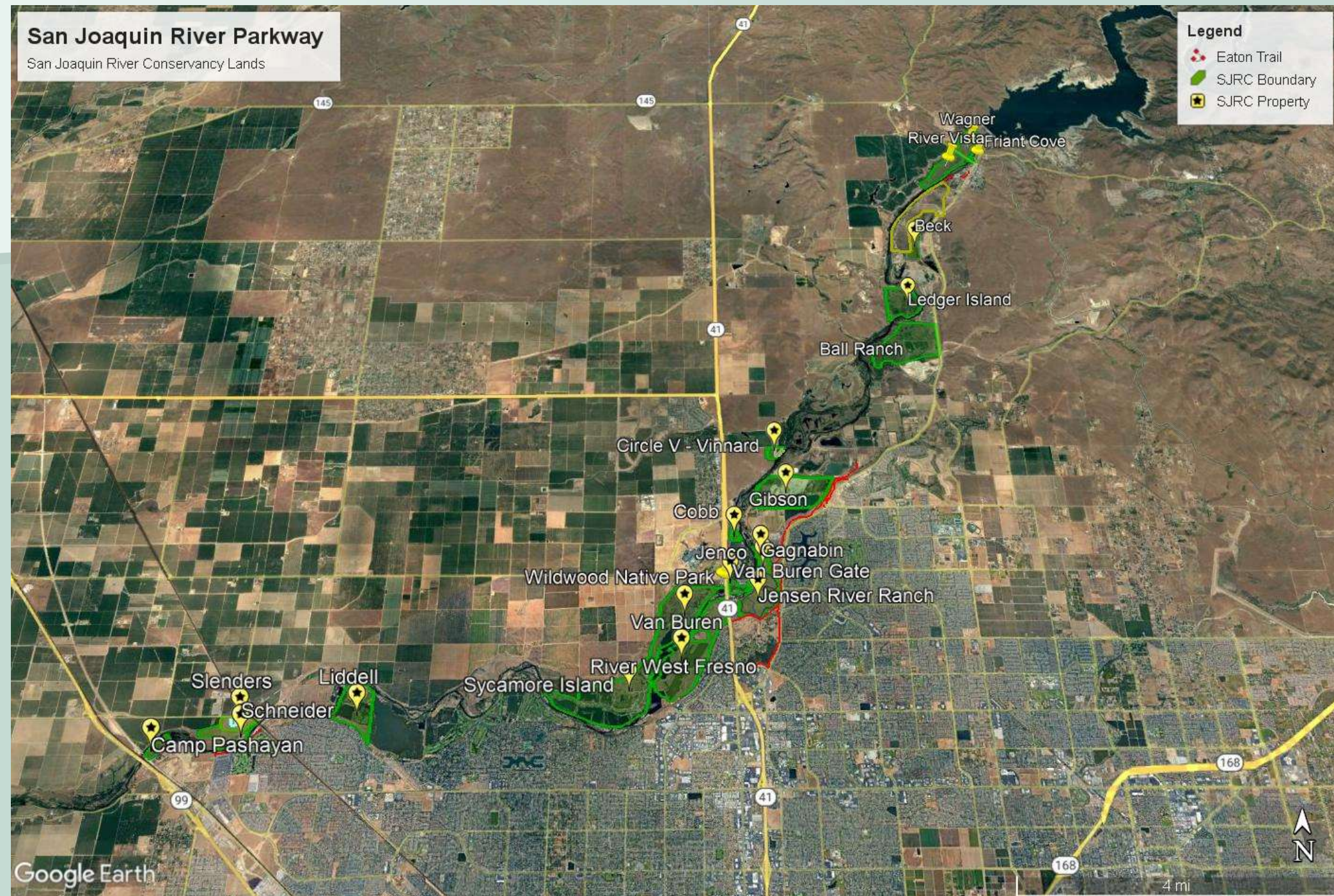


## San Joaquin River Parkway

San Joaquin River Conservancy Lands

### Legend

- Eaton Trail
- SJRC Boundary
- SJRC Property





# Formally Open to the Public

SJRC Properties (Friant to Hwy 99)	Fresno (Acres*)	Madera (Acres*)	Open to Autos (parking)	Open to Foot/bicycles	Needed To Open: Auto (Parking)
<b>Friant Cove (and southeast corner of Friant and Ave 206)</b>	6	0	Yes	NA	NA
<b>Jenco Farms</b>	25	0	No (parking is nearby)	Open	Not Planned (Parking is nearby)
<b>Jensen River Ranch</b>	160	0	No (parking is nearby)	Open	Not Planned (Parking is nearby)
<b>Wildwood Native Park</b>	0	27	Yes - Open 3 d/wk	Open	Amend service agreements
<b>Van Buren</b>	0	285	No (parking is nearby)	Open	Build Parking (CEQA done)
<b>Sycamore Island</b>	0	447	Yes - Open 3 d/wk	Open	RFP for 7 d/wk
<b>Total (rounded): 950</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>759</b>			
*Acres are approximate and in some cases State Lands Commission jurisdictional land)					

# Informally Open – Ready to Be Formally Opened

SJRC Properties (Friant to Hwy 99)	Fresno (Acres*)	Madera (Acres*)	Ready To Open to Autos (parking)	Needed To Open: Foot/bicycles	Needed To Open: Auto (Parking)
<b>Wagner (aka Cottonwood Creek)</b>	0	116	No (parking is nearby)	Signage	Not Planned (Parking will be nearby)
<b>River Vista</b>	0	140	No (parking is nearby)	Signage/porta potties/trash	finish final design and implementation
<b>Ledger Island</b>	0	173	No (parking is nearby)	Signage (RFP in progress)	Not Planned (Parking is nearby)
<b>Ball Ranch</b>	360	0	Yes (parking at gate for ~ 15 vehicles)	Signage (RFP in progress)	Not Planned (Parking is nearby)
<b>River West Fresno (Spano)</b>	372	50	No	Signage/porta potties/trash	Finish final design and implementation
<b>Total (rounded): 1,211</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>479</b>			

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## Properties that are Open to Groups with Access Agreements

SJRC Properties (Friant to Hwy 99)	Fresno (Acres*)	Madera (Acres*)	Ready To Open: Auto (parking)	Needed To Open: Foot/bicycles	Needed To Open: Auto (Parking)
<b>Circle V Ranch (Vinnard)</b>	0	25	Open to groups by agreement	Finish Planning and Implementation	Finish Planning and Implementation
<b>Lanes Road - Gagnebin</b>	30	0	Open to groups by agreement	Planning for Office, etc	Planning for Office, etc
<b>Camp Pashayan**</b>	30	0	Open to groups by agreement	Planning in process	Planning in process
<b>Total (rounded): 85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>25</b>			

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\*\*Camp Pashayan was originally acquired by the River Parkway Trust in 1995 and later sold to the Conservancy. Acres include CDFW land



## Properties that need more work to open

SJRC Properties (Friant to Hwy 99)	Fresno (Acres*)	Madera (Acres*)	Needed To Open: Foot/bicycles	Needed To Open: Auto (Parking)
<b>Gibson</b>	321	0	Vulcan Reclamation	Vulcan Reclamation
<b>Cobb/Madera Co</b>	0	12	Need project	Need project
<b>Liddell/Bluff Pointe Golfing Center</b>	172	0	New Lease	New Lease
<b>Schneider</b>	0	79	Signage/porta potties/trash	Need project (maybe WRAP)
<b>Slenders (in process)</b>	0	36	Signage/porta potties/trash	Need project (maybe WRAP)
<b>Total (rounded): 620</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>127</b>		

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## SJRC Property Maps

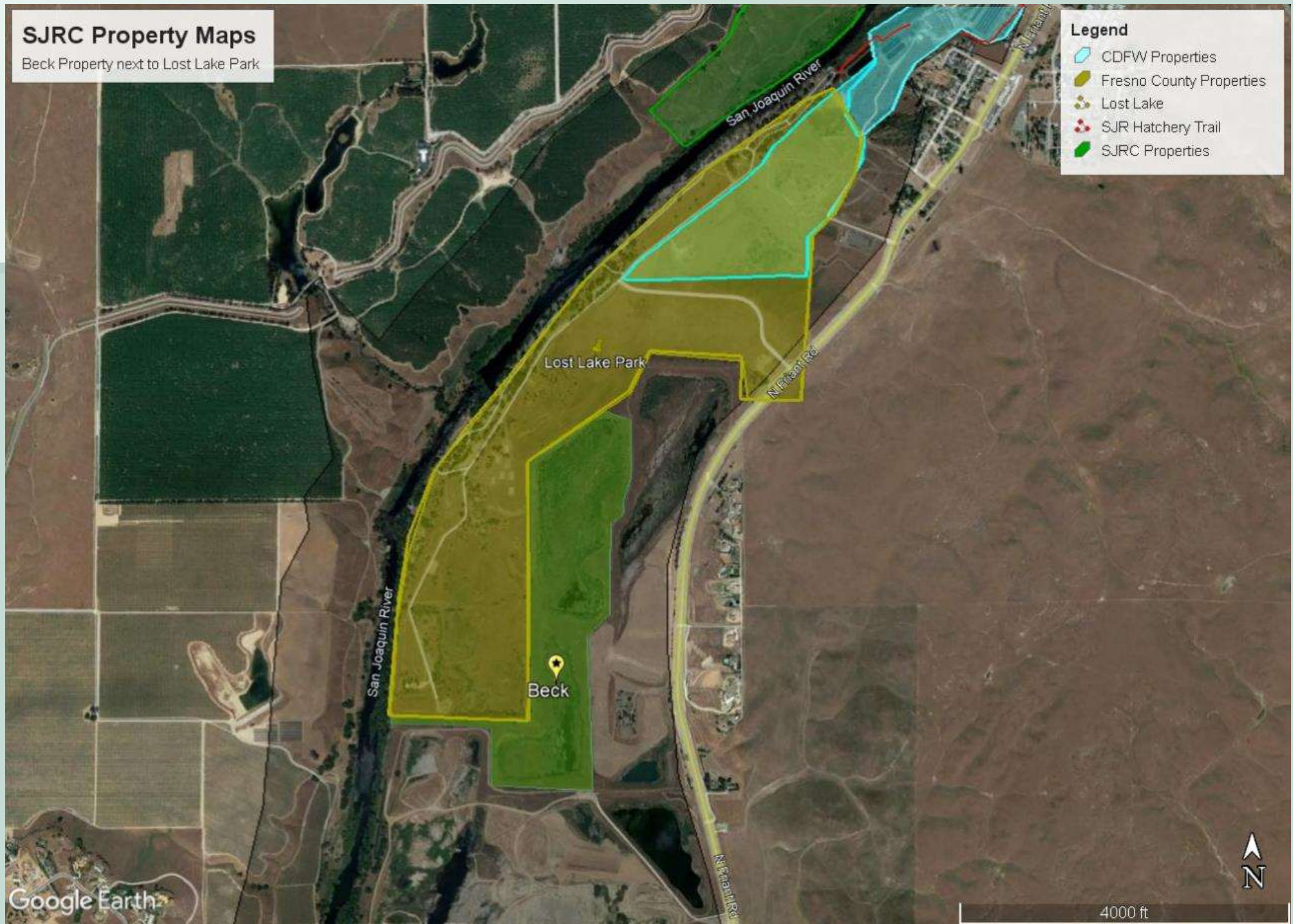
Wagner, River Vista, and Friant Cove





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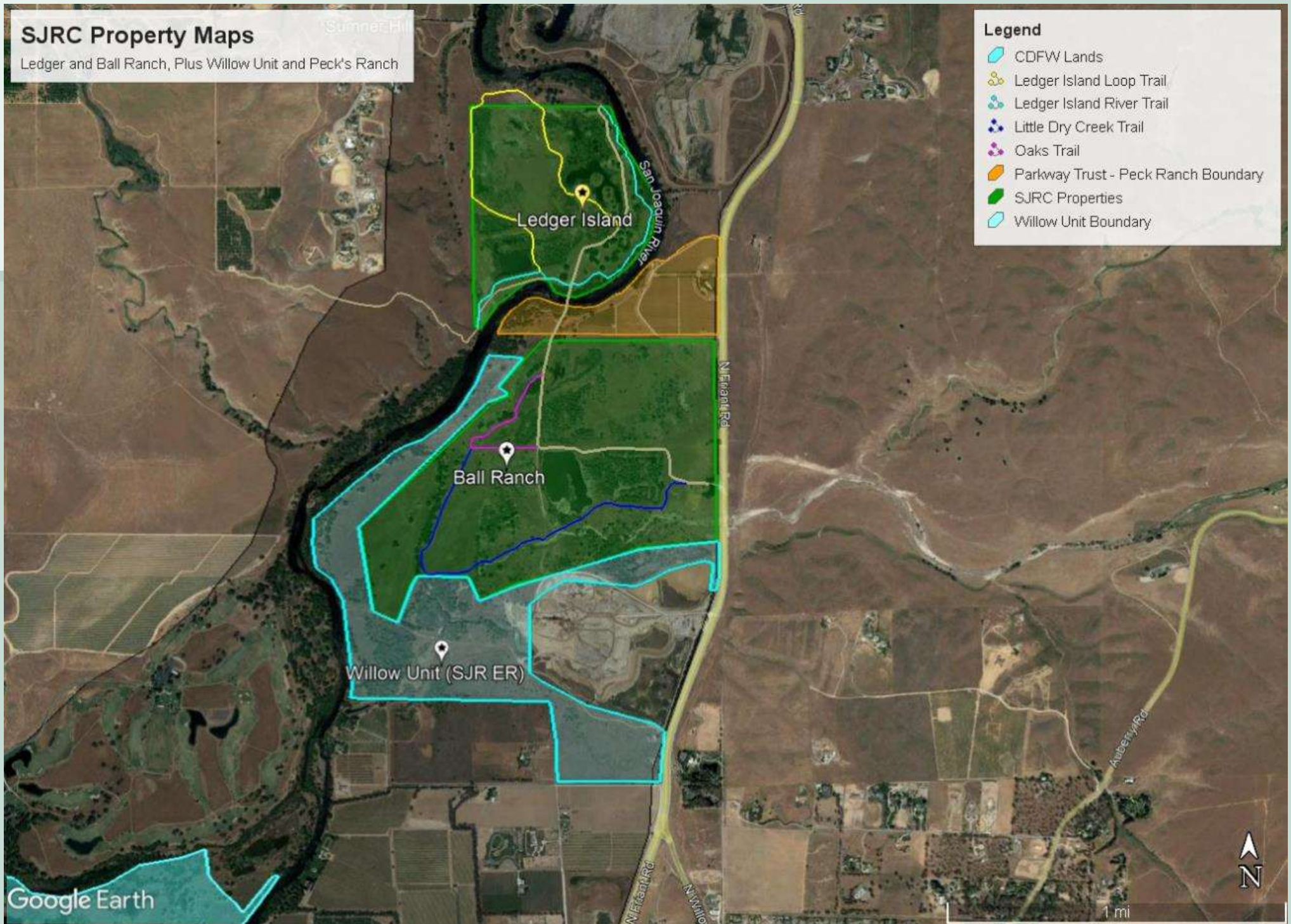
Beck Property next to Lost Lake Park





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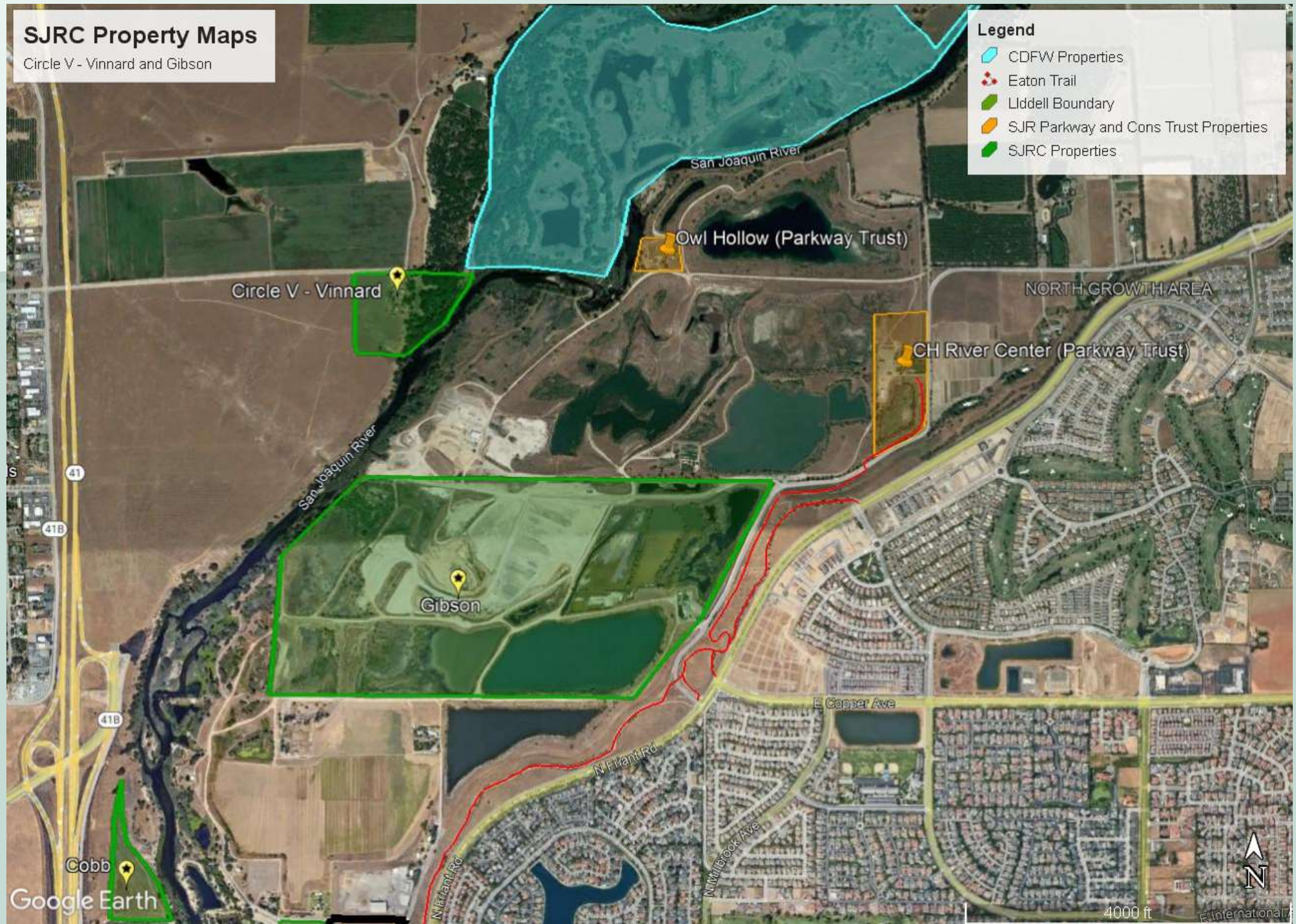
Ledger and Ball Ranch, Plus Willow Unit and Peck's Ranch





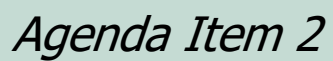
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Circle V - Vinnard and Gibson





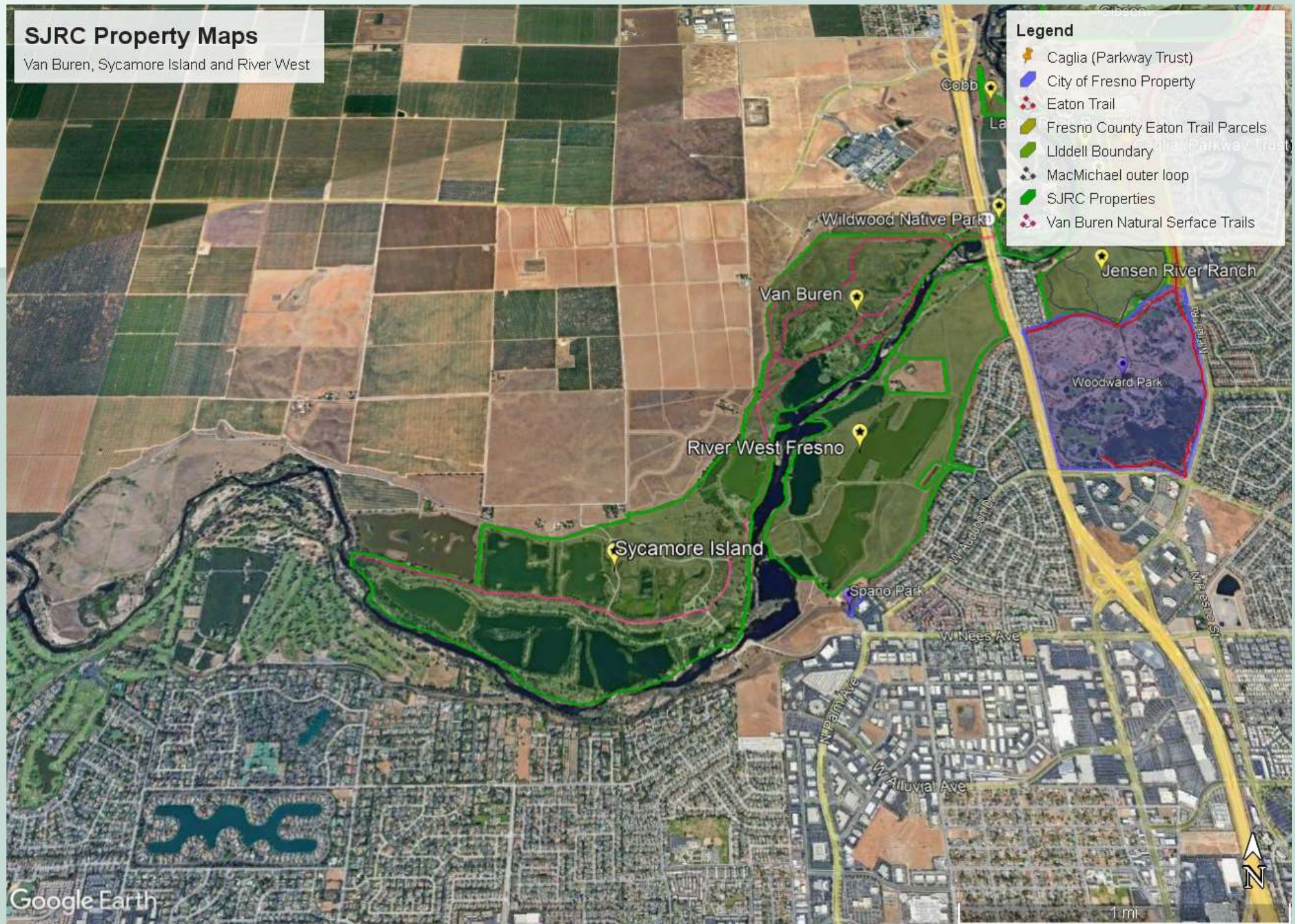
Cobb, Lanes, Jenson/Jenco, and Wildwood Native Park





## SJRC Property Maps

Van Buren, Sycamore Island and River West





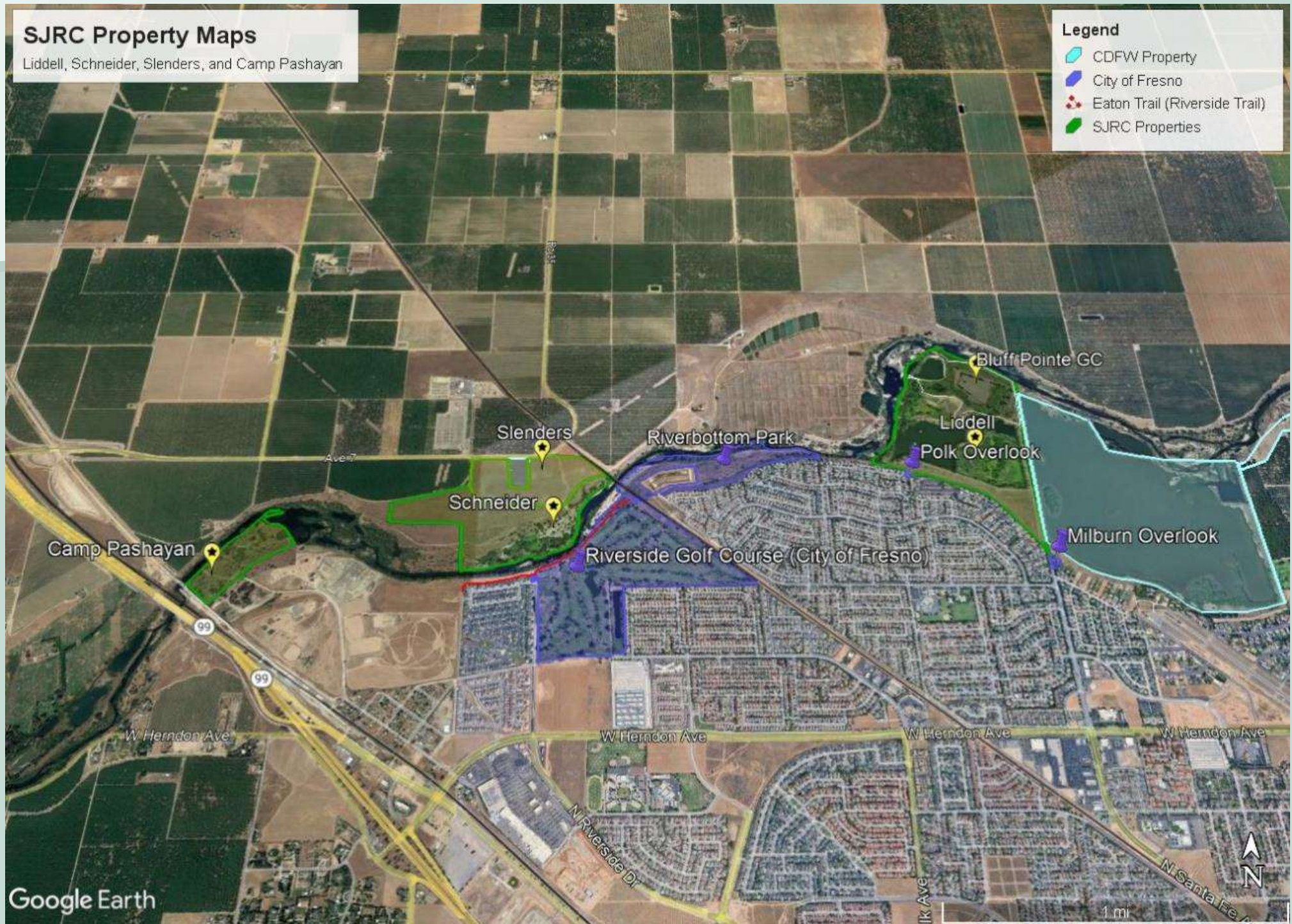


## SJRC Property Maps

Liddell, Schneider, Slenders, and Camp Pashayan

### Legend

-  CDFW Property
-  City of Fresno
-  Eaton Trail (Riverside Trail)
-  SJRC Properties





# *Item 2. Overview of Conservancy Properties*

## *Comments or Questions*

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# This \$15 million O & M funding is much more than we have had in the past

Line Item	Fund	\$	Provisions (or SJRC Use)
3830-001-0001	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 15,000,000</b>	1. The amount appropriated in Schedule (1) shall be available for <b>operation and maintenance</b> of conservancy-owned lands. 2. These funds shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2024, and for liquidation until June 30, 2026.
3830-001-0104	Payable from the <b>San Joaquin River Conservancy Fund</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	(O&M including Fire Abatement etc.)
3830-001-0140	Payable from the California <b>Environmental License Plate Fund</b>	<b>\$ 383,000</b>	(Covers JS, VG, Office and support)
3830-001-6029	Payable from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund <b>(Prop 40)</b>	<b>\$ 13,000</b>	(Covers WCB, State Parks and RR)
3830-001-6051	Payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 <b>(Prop 84)</b>	<b>\$ 502,000</b>	(Covers WCB, State Parks and RR)
3830-301-0001	<b>CLIMATE RESILIENCE PACKAGE:</b> For local assistance <b>General Fund</b> (0000246-Capital Outlay Acquisitions and Improvement Project)	<b>\$ 1,300,000</b>	1. The amount appropriated in this item shall be available for climate resilience, wildfire prevention, community access, and natural resource protection. 2. The amount appropriated in this item is available for capital outlay or local assistance until June 30, 2024. 3. Up to 5 percent of the amount appropriated in this item may be used for administrative costs.

# Categories of expenditures:

1. Personnel/Administration,
2. Equipment,
3. Direct Services or Procurement (Services that require an Invitation for Bids)
4. Services that require a “Request for Proposal” (RFP),
5. Permitting,
6. Microgrants, and
7. Grants.



# Personnel and Administration:

- Expenses for personnel, both temporary and permanent, if approved
- Expenses that may come from interagency agreements where personal or administrative resources are included

# Equipment:

- Landscaping equipment like mowers, utility vehicles, and power equipment
- vehicles for our new staff
- vehicle expenses and equipment to operate and charge the electric vehicles
- gates, signs, and items usually thought as parts and supplies



# Services:

- Direct Services
  - Janitorial, Trash Service, Security, Gate/fencing repairs, and other services below \$5,000
- Services that require Invitation for Bids
  - To obtain simple, common, or routine services that may require personal or mechanical skills. Little discretion is used in performing the work.
- Services that require Request for Proposals
  - To obtain complex services in which professional expertise is needed and may vary. Where different methods and approaches may be applied during performance.

# Permitting:

- Lake and Streambed Alteration (F&G Code 1600 etc.)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Division of the State Architect Certifications
- California Endangered Species Act consultation
- Federal Endangered Species Act consultation
- California Air Board
- Others



# Grants and Micro-Grants:

- Grants (with Public agencies - Inter-Agency Agreements)
  - Likely to be \$50,000 or more
  - Come to the Board for discussion and approval
- Micro-Grants
  - Small grants to partner organizations for supplies (paint, hand tools, etc.) or loaning of equipment
  - Range of individual micro-grants <\$100

## Spending Strategies - \$15,000,000 General Fund

**Provisions:**

1. *The amount appropriated ... shall be available for operation and maintenance of conservancy-owned lands.*
2. These funds shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2024, and for liquidation until June 30, 2026.

FY	To Encumber	To Expend	Notes
21-22	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	1. Administrative bottleneck of getting funding spent (current contracting process in close to 5 months) 2. Will need to Establish administrative procedures that we have not used much in the past 3. Need for discussion with Board and public about priorities 4. Hiring delays (for help to address #1 above) and process to establish authorities
22-23	\$5,500,000	\$4,000,000	1. Estimated Expenditures include encumbered funds from FY21-22 2. Bid processes and "request for proposals" process, plus contracting process is likely to push much of the FY21-22 into FY22-23
23-24	\$8,000,000	\$4,500,000	1. Need to encumber all \$15 Million by June 2024 2. Enter 3-year Contracts to take advantage of flexibility of this funding 3. Intent to Fund potential JPA and other organizations for work
24-25	\$0	\$3,500,000	
25-26	\$0	\$2,000,000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	



Detailed Budget \$15,000,000 General Fund

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		Personnel/ Admin	Equipment	Services - Direct	Services - Bid
		\$1,000,000	\$670,000	\$750,000	\$2,350,000



Services RFP	Permitting	Micro Grants	Grants
<del>\$550,000</del>	\$230,000	<del>\$450,000</del>	<del>\$9,000,000</del>

# *Item 3. Review of \$15 million O & M funding*

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# 4. Overview of the role of Joint Powers Authority

Our Board is considering the creation of a Joint Powers Authority

- Priority 1 - To provide for a comprehensive program for maintenance and operation of the San Joaquin River Parkway
- Other ideas
  - Building Recreations Facilities
  - Property acquisition – of properties that do not comport with the goals and provisions of Bond Funds
  - Ability to combine funding (apply for grants from other sources)

## *4. Overview of the role of Joint Powers Authority*

Member Organizations need to be Public Agencies

- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- City of Fresno
- County of Fresno
- County of Madera



# 4. Overview of the role of Joint Powers Authority

Will not take the Place of our Partners or the Conservancy

- Will likely still have “Concession Agreements”
- Most land purchases will still be by the Conservancy
- Funding decisions will be by member agencies
  - Conservancy Board will determine what it delegates, but cannot assign its policy responsibilities
  - Same for all of the members
- There is some flexibility in how an Authority is set-up, but it is constrained by law - Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Section 6500 et seq.) of the Government Code

# *Item 4. Overview of the role of Joint Powers Authority*

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# *Item 5. General Discussion*

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## *Next meeting:*

- The next Board meeting will be held **May 4, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m.

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